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SEQUENCES

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed March 26, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response was initially due June 26, 2003. Applicants herein submit a petition for a three month extension of time to September 26, 2003, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Amendments to the specification are on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter;
- Petition for a three month extension of time and check;
- Postcard.

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